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Title: Communications Interface And Conflict Avoidance Using A Software Simulation Of A UART  
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated September 30, 2002, which has a statutorily shortened period that ended on December 30, 2002. The time allowed for this response has been extended to January 30, 2003 by the enclosed Petition and extension fee. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a clean version of the entire set of pending claims.

1. A system comprising:  
a computer having a processing unit, a main memory, and a local bus;  
a device coupled to the local bus, wherein the device occupies an I/O slot on the local bus and is accessible at a first set of addresses corresponding to a first communications port,